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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Rao for the indication of allowable subject matter.

SUPPORT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the drawings as originally filed, for example, in FIGS. 1-3, and in the specification as originally filed, for example, on page 7, lines 1-10, and on page 7, line 1 through page 8, line 17, and on page 10, line 16 through page 11, line 10. As such, no new matter has been introduced.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

The rejection of claims 1, 3-8, 14, 16-25 and 28-32 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as not falling within one of four statutory categories of invention is respectfully traversed with respect to claim 23, and has been obviated by amendment with respect to claims 1, 3-8, 14, 16-22, 24, 25 and 28-32. As such, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 23 depends directly from claim 12 which is allowed (see page 3 of the Office Action) and, therefore, should also be allowed.

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended such that one or more of the process steps are associated to another statutory category (such as a particular apparatus) as suggested by the Office Action.

Claims 3-8, 16-22, 24, 25 and 28-32 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 1 or claim 14 which are believed to be allowable. As such, the presently claimed invention is in condition for allowance and the rejection should be withdrawn.

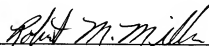
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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